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Posts abolished and created by this Government from 1st April 1947.

* 153 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) what posts, both gazetted and non-gazetted, the Government have abolished from 1st April 1947 up to date;

(*b*) what posts, both gazetted and non-gazetted, the Government have created from 1st April 1947;

(*c*) the salaries the various posts that were abolished carried; and

(*d*) the salaries the various posts that are created carry?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of Hon. the Premier) :—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government consider that the time and labour involved in the collection of information is not commensurate with any public interest that may be served."

Issue of passports.

* 154 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Provincial Government are the competent authority for the issue of passports to the subjects of—

(i) this Province,
(ii) Travancore State,
(iii) Mysore State, and
(iv) Hyderabad State;

(*b*) the procedure followed by the Government for the issue of passports in each of the above categories; and

(*c*) the number of passports issued or renewed since 15th August 1947 in each category?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" (*a*) The competent authority to issue passports to the subjects of this Province, Travancore State, Mysore State and British subjects in Hyderabad State, is the Secretary or Under Secretary in the Home Department and when both of them are out of Madras City, the Commissioner of Police, Madras. The authority competent to issue passports to subjects of Hyderabad State will depend on the result of the negotiations now going on between the Governments of the Indian Union and His Exalted Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad. Now that a standstill agreement has been arrived at, it is very likely that the Government of India will allow the Madras Government to issue passports to the subjects of His Exalted Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad.

" (*b*) Any person applying for a passport is required to apply in the prescribed form. The passport officer has to satisfy himself that there are no reasonable grounds for apprehending that the applicant's presence in any country abroad